

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 2, 5, 7-8, 10-13, 16-25, 28, 62-65, 68-72, 75-85 and 89-92, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please AMEND the claims and ADD new claims as indicated below:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method comprising:  
dynamically maintaining a plurality of organizational profiles containing ~~business rules~~integration preferences, a plurality of users each being associated with a particular organizational profile; and  
providing an executable on a shared executable hosted e-procurement system, the executable being shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users, the executable implementing a respective user requested transaction by a respective user with an application system by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and implementing the ~~business rules~~integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile,  
wherein the integration preferences contained in a respective organizational profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the application system for the respective organizational profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile, to thereby implement user requested transactions via the executable on the shared executable hosted e-procurement system.

2. (CANCELED)

3. (CANCELED)

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the application system is a financial system.

5. (CANCELED)

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method comprising:  
dynamically maintaining a plurality of organizational profiles containing data definitions which define data fields required to implement user requested transactions, a plurality of users each being associated with a particular organizational profile; and  
providing an executable on a shared executable hosted e-procurement system, the executable being shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of

the plurality of users, the executable implementing a respective user requested transaction of a respective user with an application system by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and implementing-transmitting, to the application system, data fields defined by the data definitions contained in the accessed organizational profile and required by the application system to implement the respective user requested transaction.

7-28. (CANCELED)

29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method comprising:

dynamically maintaining a plurality of organizational profiles containing integration preferences, a plurality of users each being associated with a particular organizational profile; and

providing an executable on a shared executable hosted e-procurement system, the executable being shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users, the executable implementing a respective user requested transaction by a respective user with an application system by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and implementing the integration preferences contained in the organizational profile,

wherein the integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the application system for the accessed organizational profile or for the users associated with the accessed organizational profile.

30. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as recited in claim 29, wherein the application system is a financial system.

31. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 30, wherein a financial system is a system used to track and manage financial resources.

32-72. (CANCELED)

73. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a plurality of financial systems;

a plurality of users, each user associated with a respective organizational profile of a plurality of dynamically maintained organizational profiles, each profile containing integration

preferences; and

~~\_\_\_\_\_ a plurality of application systems which perform transactions; and~~

a shared executable hosted e-procurement system storing the plurality of organizational profiles, wherein

\_\_\_\_\_ the integration preferences contained in a respective organization profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the respective financial systems for the respective organization profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile, and

\_\_\_\_\_ the shared executable hosted e-procurement system ~~having~~ has an executable which is shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users ~~in accordance with information contained in the organizational profiles~~, the executable implementing a respective ~~purchase request~~ user requested transaction by a respective user with a selected ~~application~~ financial system by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and ~~proceeding~~ interacting with the selected financial system in accordance with the ~~information~~ integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile.

74. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus as recited in claim 73, wherein  
\_\_\_\_\_ the organizational profiles contain ~~business rules~~ data fields required by financial systems to implement user requested transactions, and

\_\_\_\_\_ the shared executable hosted e-procurement system transmits, to the selected financial system from the accessed organizational profile, data fields required by the selected financial system to implement the respective user requested transaction.

75-92. (CANCELED)

93. (NEW) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein  
the shared executable hosted e-procurement system implements a respective user requested transaction by a respective user via the executable by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and transmitting financial information to the application system in accordance with the integration preferences contained in the accessed organization profile, and

the application system is a financial system which manages funds required for the respective user requested transaction in accordance with the transmitted financial information.

94. (NEW) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the organizational profiles include data fields needed by the application system to implement the respective user requested

transaction, the method further comprising:

transmitting the needed data fields to the application system by the shared executable hosted e-procurement system.

95. (NEW) A method as recited in claim 93, wherein the organizational profiles includes data fields needed by the application system to manage the funds for the respective user requested transaction, the method further comprising:

transmitting the needed data fields to the application system by the shared executable hosted e-procurement system.

96. (NEW) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the integration preferences include encumbrance and payment preferences.

97. (NEW) A method as recited in claim 93, wherein the integration preferences include encumbrance and payment preferences.

98. (NEW) An apparatus comprising:  
a plurality of application systems;  
a plurality of users, each user associated with a respective organizational profile of a plurality of dynamically maintained organizational profiles, each profile containing integration preferences and data fields; and  
a shared executable hosted e-procurement system storing the plurality of organizational profiles, wherein  
the integration preferences contained in a respective organization profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the respective application systems for the respective organization profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile, and  
the shared executable hosted e-procurement system has an executable which is shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users, wherein  
the executable implements a respective user requested transaction by a respective user with a selected application system of the plurality of application systems by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and interacting with the selected application system in accordance with the integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile, and  
the shared executable hosted e-procurement system transmits, to the

selected application system, data fields contained in the accessed organization profile and that are required for the selected application system to implement the respective user requested transaction.

99. (NEW) The apparatus as recited in claim 98, wherein the application system is a financial system which manages funds required for the respective user requested transaction in accordance with the transmitted data fields.

100. (NEW) An apparatus comprising:  
means for dynamically maintaining a plurality of organizational profiles containing integration preferences, a plurality of users each being associated with a particular organizational profile; and  
means for providing an executable on a shared executable hosted e-procurement system, the executable being shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users, the executable implementing a respective user requested transaction by a respective user with an application system by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and implementing the integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile,  
wherein the integration preferences contained in a respective organizational profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the application system for the respective organizational profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile, to thereby implement user requested transactions via the executable on the shared executable hosted e-procurement system.